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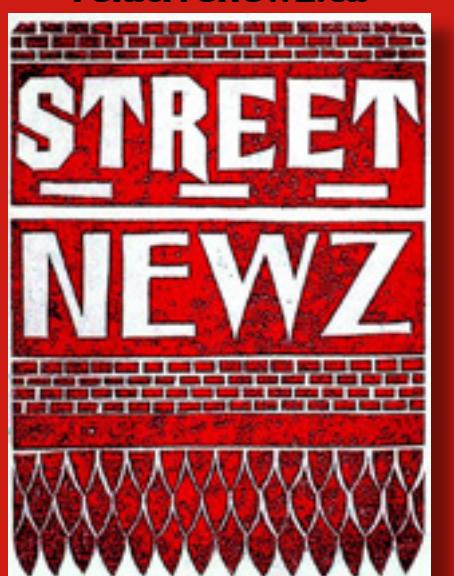
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just another rant

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Bus bus ferry bus lightrail bus bus ... and I'm at the Vancouver Folk Festival for another year. Hurray! The festival, held on traditional Musqueam territory at Jericho Beach Park, is definitely my favourite annual event.

I'm one of 1600 volunteers who work cooperatively to make the festival happen. This was the 36th year for the festival, about the 25th volunteer year for me (I've lost count). There's a board of directors and a handful of staff who organize behind the scenes, but mostly it's up to all of us to nurture a safe and clean and organized weekend. It's always a little bit sad when the lanterns appear during Sunday night's concert, marking the end of another festival, and I always promise myself I'll strive to carry the energy of the peaceful, vibrant, creative, cooperative, musical weekend with me until it's another third weekend in July and time to do it all again.

Going to the festival is like going home. It's as close to nirvana as I can imagine. Through the years I've watched babies grow to adults, and I've matured alongside dear friends. When I first signed on as a volunteer I was a young business woman, working tech support at a small start up software company. There was a last minute volunteer space available and my brother convinced me to sign up. I'm ever grateful, the festival changed my life!

From a small farm in Alberta's industrial middle, I had no idea such a world existed. Combined with the activist spark I found later at college and university, I was launched onto a path of no return. I'd found myself. This is the kind of world I want to live in, surrounded by friendly, joyful, caring and concerned hippie-type earth loving folk.

I remember looking at the beautiful elder women, embracing their wrinkles, decorating their grey hair and aging bodies with colourful adornments and handmade jewelry. I decided then that this was how I would choose to age – naturally, and without apology.

The festival is an environment where age and other physicalities don't matter much. It's a safe, welcoming, understanding, accepting place. You can drop your urban guard, tear off your survival masks, embrace your inner rebellious self, speak your mind, live your politics, dance with carefree abandon, and wish the rest of the world worked this way, even just a little bit once in a while.

There's just one thing about the festival that disturbs me (aside from witnessing, from the skytrain, the dead forests floating on the Fraser River - see photo), and that's the amount of animal cruelty they're willing to endorse and/or tolerate. Sure, they're friendly and helpful and kind with each other (I'm generalizing, but it's true), they're mostly awake and aware about various earth and social justice related issues but surprising, like much of the general population, they either don't know or don't care about the suffering that our animal friends must endure for their momentary mealtime enjoyment.

There are many good reasons why Veganism is on the rise around the world. As my friend Mickey Z points out: *Almost all "food" is genetically modified. Most of it is fed to the 53 billion doomed land animals that are eating up 1/3 of the planet's land surface in an industry that is the #1 source of human created greenhouse gases. So, needless to say, veganism and animal rights is a little bit more than tofu recipes ... it's more even than barbarism like veal crates, vivisection, battery cages, slaughter houses, whaling ships, carriage horses, dog fight rings, fur farms, zoos, circuses and rodeos. It directly or indirectly connects to corporate welfare, overfishing, species extinction, the healthcare crisis, habitat loss, immigration issues, workplace justice, deforestation, climate change and gmos. Going vegan is more than just occupying a boycott, changing your diet, or making a new lifestyle choice. It's the surrendering of a privilege, the privilege is called "specism." And anytime you voluntarily surrender a privilege, it is an act of revolution ... you're aiming for total liberation, recognizing that animals are not property, they are not products, and they are not commodities.*



Folk Fest, I love you ... but it's past time to get on the plant based bus and truly show the world how to live, with respect for all creatures and this beautiful earth we share.

The weekend after the Folk Fest I did the bus bus ferry bus skytrain bus thing again, this time for Vancouver's VegFest. They occupied three entire blocks, along Granville Street in Vancouver's downtown. I learned about the horrors of animal testing at the University of British Columbia, sampled many and various cruelty-free vegan and raw delights, and met some of the faces behind the Veganville Facebook group. They're in the process of developing a co-housing project to collectively purchase land, build housing, create a sanctuary for rescued or retired farm animals (so that retiring dairy cows and egg-producing hens, etc, can live peacefully to the end of their natural lives), and perhaps establish a B & B to help raise revenue for their noble goals. What a great idea!



Great summer adventures, and Victoria's certainly a good town to return to. There's a vibrant activist community here, working within and beyond the official structures to reach out to our brothers and sisters on the streets, to the disabled and elderly, to those of us in the low-income camp just trying to get by. One example of extreme benevolence are the Jubilee Pharmacy and Market Folk folk who have recently opened at 851 Johnson. They offer quality food products at some really great prices. What a revolutionary idea, helping the community rather than just stuffing their own bank account!



If only there was more innovative profit sharing, like rent subsidies that go directly to low income individuals. An extra \$20 or \$40 bucks a month can make a huge difference for folk who live on the edge. Or how about offering a sliding-scale by-donation fee structure so people can pay what they feel they can afford for necessities like dental, or alternative health, or entertainment options. Giving to agencies like Our Place ensures the most vulnerable among us have a place to find food and comfort, but donating to select individuals can keep us from becoming homeless and in need of services in the first place.

With gratitude to all the people and organizations who work within the collective to realize an egalitarian and safe world with respect for all creatures (including our animal cousins), while protecting the rights of the individuals. Maybe there's hope for the species yet!

Janine founded the Street Newz in 2004 in an effort to find right livelihood and live her values. She believes that the violence people endorse at mealtime is directly connected to the violence that manifests in the world, and encourages everyone to Ahimsa - the yogic practice of absolute non-violence. She invites you to learn more about the Folk Fest and the Veg Fest on her youtube channel (www.youtube.com/user/bandcroft/videos) and, if you're in Vancouver and thinking of renovating your home, check out her long time friend Liz's creative project at www.elizabethrobertsdesign.ca.

After Trayvon: 40 Reasons to Hit the Streets Every Day

by Mickey Z.

"Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them." ~ Frederick Douglass

Reason #1: 37 million bees died in the month of June 2013.

The culture of white supremacy is embedded so deeply within our collective psyche as to become "invisible." It is embedded so deeply that even those who stand in opposition play by its rules. It is embedded so deeply that even those it targets play by its rules.

Reason #2: Women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man is paid.

Case in point: the murder of Trayvon Martin. A young black male, dressed in a manner that reflects the popular culture, is promptly profiled and stalked by a Hispanic man. A confrontation is provoked, the Hispanic man produces a gun, and yet another young black male is killed.

Reason #3: The United States constitutes roughly 5 percent of the earth's population but consumes more than 25 percent of the earth's "resources."

Following the well-worn script, the corporate media stokes the flames of racism, the young black male is demonized, the nation is divided, the trial is a spectacle, and the murderer of a young black male is inevitably exonerated

Reason #4: A 30 percent rise in ocean acidification.

Also ready to obediently hit their mark and dutifully read their lines are the part-time activists (am I being redundant?) who justifiably -- but predictably -- take to the streets after the verdict is announced for a few days of "outrage." For 48-72 hours or so, chants of "No justice, no peace" will echo. Those in power will welcome such accepted "dissent" as proof that free speech reigns supreme here in god's country.

Reason #5: Every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. This means 1.5 million preventable deaths each year.

The final chapter in this episode of White Supremacy Theater will feature leaders (sic) on all sides calling for "calm" while the corporate media readies their "protest turns violent" headlines to obscure the fact that every single minute of every single day within our culture is a clear and present act of violence.

Reason #6: The U.S. Department of Defense -- the interventionist institution formerly known as the War Department -- is the biggest polluter on Planet Earth, for example, releasing more hazardous waste than the five largest U.S. chemical companies combined. To add insult to injury, the world's worst polluter also gobbles up 54 percent of U.S. taxpayer dollars.

I'm not suggesting we don't express outrage or we don't hit the streets. I am suggesting, however, that we step out of the impotent role this culture expects and allows us to occupy. Feeling and expressing outrage over the Zimmerman verdict is warranted and necessary. But where's the daily, hourly outrage as the dominant paradigm threatens us and threatens all forms of life?

Reason #7: Total student debt now exceeds the total consumer debt and recently passed \$1 trillion.

By now, you've likely caught on that I've been offering some urgent and salient motivations to express outrage. For the remainder of this article, please allow me to introduce a bunch more reasons to hit the streets -- and stay there:

Reason #8: In the United States, 2660 children are born into poverty every day.

Reason #9: More than a decade after the U.S.-led invasion, Afghanistan has the highest infant mortality rate in the world -- 257 deaths per 1,000 live births -- while 70 percent of the population lacks access to clean water.

Reason #10: Corporations enjoy "personhood."

Reason #11: Roughly 50 million Americans are without health insurance.

Angry yet?

Reason #12: Eighty-one tons of mercury is emitted into the atmosphere each year as a result of global electric power generation.

Reason #13: In Pakistan, it's been found that one in seven U.S. drone strikes result in a child fatality.

Reason #14: Forty-four percent of the U.S. death row population is African-American (an ethnic group that constitutes only 12.6 percent of the nation's people as a whole).

Think you might put down the remote now?

Reason #15: Hydro-fracking

Reason #16: Tar sands extraction

Reason #17: GMOs

Reason #18: Homelessness

Reason #19: Sweatshops

Reason #20: Veal crates, fur farms, whaling ships, carriage horses, battery cages, dog fight rings, slaughterhouses, zoos, circus, rodeos, and the morally indefensible/scientifically fraudulent institution of animal experimentation.

Has any emotion been stirred?

Reason #21: Gay bashing

Reason #22: Landmines

Reason #23: Strip malls

Reason #24: Strip mining

Reason #25: Every 28 hours, in the United States, a black person is killed by a police officer, security guard, or self-appointed vigilante.

Is it possible you'll tear yourself away from your smart phone long enough to recognize that we've reached the point of no return?

Reason #26: War criminals like Henry Kissinger, Bill Clinton, Dick Cheney, and Madeleine Albright walk free while folks like Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Lynne Stewart, and Bradley Manning remain in cages.

Reason #27: Nuclear weapons/waste/depleted uranium.

Reason #28: The annual worldwide use of pesticides is 500 billion tons.

Reason #29: The meat and dairy-based diet is the number one source of annual worldwide human caused greenhouse gas -- all in the name of an industry also responsible for unspeakable animal cruelty, an epidemic of preventable human diseases, exploited human labor, the destruction of one-third of the planet's land surface, and more control/profit for the 1%.

Reason #30: Under-nutrition contributes to five million deaths of children under five each year in developing countries.

Do you believe those most responsible for the current state of affairs will voluntarily change their behavior any time soon? If not, when will you step up?

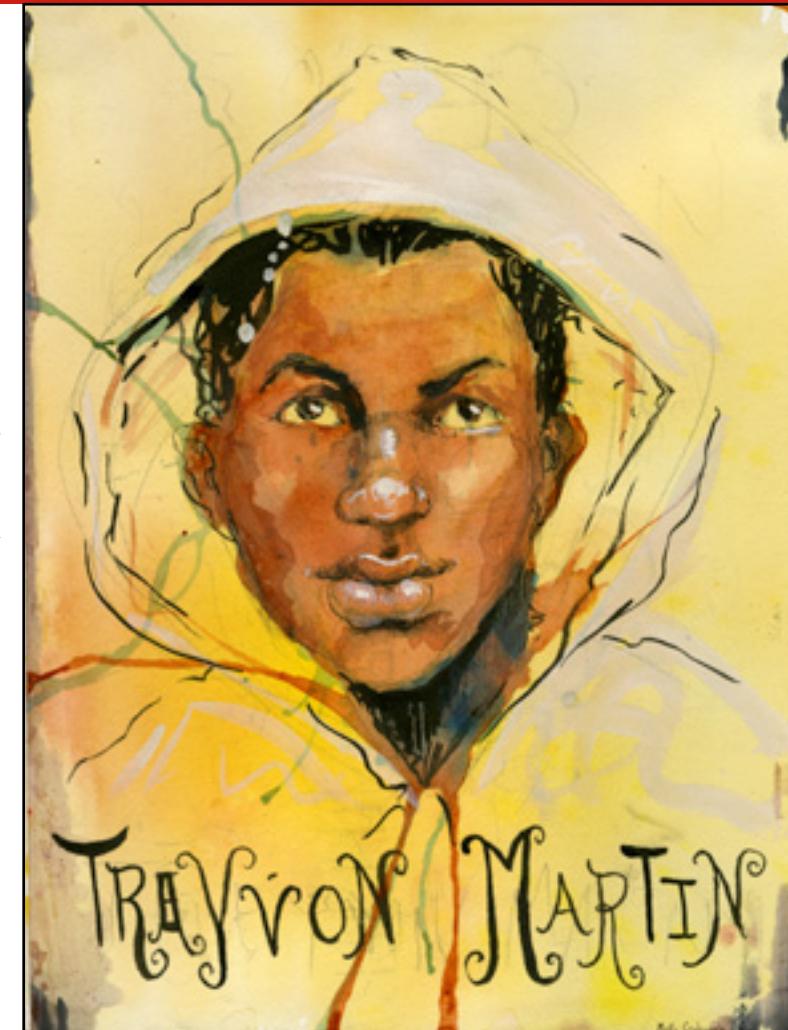
Reason #31: Every square mile of ocean now hosts 46,000 pieces of floating plastic.

Reason #32: The planet's leading cause of human death and illness is diarrhea and 88 percent of these deaths are directly linked to a lack of access to safe water.

Reason #33: Ninety percent of the large fish in the ocean are already gone.

Reason #34: Eighty percent of the world's forests are already gone.

Reason #35: Every single day, 200,000 acres of rain forest are destroyed.



Reason #36: Every single day, 150-200 plant and animal species go extinct.

Reason #37: Every single day, 13 million tons of toxic chemicals are released across the globe.

Reason #38: Every single day, 25,000 to 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes.

How much longer will you wait? How much time do you think we have?

Reason #39: Here in the land of the free, 1 in 31 adults is in prison, on parole, or on probation.

Reason #40: Here in the home of the brave, every 46 seconds, a woman is raped.

Our Way of Life

"The earth is not dying. It is being killed, and the people killing it have names and addresses." ~ Utah Phillips

All that I just listed is but a minuscule sampling of what business-as-usual has wrought. It's standard operating procedure within our beloved "way of life" and, as Barack Obama announced to world at his first inauguration: "We will never apologize for our way of life nor will we waver in its defense."

Reason #41: "Our way of life" has brought us to the brink of social, economic, and environmental collapse.

Each of us plays a role in the endemic carnage and it's long overdue we own up to our culpability. However, there's an elite group of international criminals -- now identified as the 1% -- most responsible for the perpetual omnicide. These insatiable sociopaths will never change their behavior voluntarily, which of course means: It's up to us.

Far more than a symptom named George Zimmerman faced judgment last week. Our entire belief system was on trial and each of us remains on trial.

Before a final verdict is reached, we must ask ourselves: In this global crime spree called "our way of life," will I be an accomplice or will be a monkey-wrencher?

Reminder: Complacent = Complicit. There is no neutral.

I'll see you on the streets, comrades... #shifthappens

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Reflections from Experiences at the Unis'tot'en Action Camp

by Eric Nordal

The Resistance

The camp stands strong above the banks of Wedzin Kwah. Our caravan arrived in time with 150 other organizers, activists, and warriors from across North America. We had come to learn about the resistance and find out what we could offer the people who are taking a fearless stance against the onslaught of industrial expansion.

For many of the guests here, they had come to sacrifice whatever they could in helping this community defend itself. For others, this was a place they had come to out of desperation; they were watching their own homes and territories being destroyed and were here to find hope and inspiration. Whatever the motivation, people were here to put their heels in the dirt, and stand on the frontline.

As we arrived, a blockade stood on the only road into the territory. These days, as it was traditionally, no one was entering the territory of the Unis'tot'en without consent.

This was the fourth annual Action Camp in resistance to the Pacific Trail Pipelines (PTP) project. Since the beginning, the capacity for grassroots resistance here has grown. We arrived to an impressive plot of traditional housing, a permaculture garden, kitchen and first aid tents, and an adequate amount of latrines.

There were many familiar faces and it became a week of resistance in the form of community building.

The Pipeline

The Unis'tot'en territory has been under attack by industry and government for decades now. Most recently, the Pacific Trail Pipelines (PTP) project threatens the health and autonomy of life here. As one of the more significant pipeline proposals in British Columbia, news of it is mobilizing thousands of people from all over the world.

The original stakeholders of PTP have backed out of the project since last year's camp and gave way to Chevron to take on the project instead. The PTP project has also since redirected the route around the original camp. The new proposed pipeline route has moved a mile upstream from where people are gathering their drinking water. Not surprisingly, Chevron's concessions have not appeased the people who live as a part of the land here.

Without question, the resistance to these pipelines is on the company radar; surveyors from the project have been kicked off of the territory a number of times, and opposition of PTP is growing.

Turn Back the Clock

We set off on our adventure in the Community Action Bus. We left on an early morning from Victoria and cruised north along the Fraser and Thompson rivers. As we moved north, further from the urban centers, the cultural and economic landscape changed quickly.

Passing through town after town as a visitor, I felt the responsibility to learn a little bit about the people and the places that we were visiting. The convenient place to stop along the highway is the Tourist Information.

The stories of these places seemed remarkably similar: One town after another had an era of grandeur that had come and gone and founding fathers who began thriving colonial settlements with booming capitalist economies. These communities had made their fortunes and written their histories during the gold rush, or while mining the mountains, or logging the forests that stretched seemingly forever.

And now, one commonality was glaringly apparent, these places were all empty; just on the verge of ghost town status.



Twining Highways

It seems obvious that a people whose entire history and understanding of itself has been built upon the extraction of resources must feel a bit empty and at a loss when the resources run out. However, on the drive up, there is a distant flicker of hope: The highways are twinning. It's a promise that industry is coming back to breathe life into these communities who know of no other way to sustain themselves besides through the unsustainable extraction of resources.

These highway expansions are being built to carry the huge equipment required for the major projects proposed in these picturesque landscapes.

Lost in the rhetoric of jobs and the economy, it's difficult to see the simple reality of the situation in northern BC.

There was a point in time, in fact, a long period of time, where people lived as a part of the world around them. It was reflected in their laws, in their stories, in their language, and in their relationships. There was a point in time when diversity overthrew the concept of monoculture. There was a point in time when nations, communities, and families, had a responsibility to everything within their borders.

This has changed dramatically on these lands with the introduction of an imperial invasion, and continues with the enforcement of global capitalism.

All the while, not one of these Visitor Information pamphlets give more than a mention of a world before the discovery of British Columbia. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been welcomed into communities that can tell a history of this land before the gold rush.

Standing up to Colonialism

At the camp there were spokespeople from many different places, and I was quickly reminded of the relentlessness of capitalism. PTP isn't the only pipeline, and it certainly isn't the only resource extraction project that is stealing from the people and the land.

As we all packed up and went our separate ways, I began to think of my community and my daily participation in a system that is causing this whole mess.

Communities, cultures, and diversity are disappearing. If there was any doubt: we witness the loss of one language every 14 days; we see the disappearance of species far beyond the natural extinction rate; we are left feeling helpless as corporations push people out of the way for profits. Life on this planet is being poisoned.

It seemed difficult not to feel despair.

I suddenly began to see in a different light what the families on this territory were doing for their community. Undertaking physical and mental exhaustion, standing up to threats from governments and corporations, and sacrificing many comforts. Yet they continue to take a stand. What took years of persistence and dedication is now beginning to turn into a movement.

It is inspiring, and it gives a sense of hopefulness. So many communities, although almost completely co-opted, have much to celebrate. There is love and beauty, friendship and family, and people who crave to reconnect.

In the community that I live, here in Victoria, there is much to fight for.

It seems incredibly important to reclaim our communities, demand justice and reconciliation, and not allow culture to be stolen for the benefit of profit, or imperialism.

We need to take responsibility to decolonize our own communities, and, in this task, follow the leadership of the original people whose land we are on.

It's time we organize our own communities, assert sovereignty from imperialism, and offer our hearts in support of others who do the same.

There are a number of ways to change your community, whether you choose to lobby power, or to organize and dismantle it.

In the example of the Unis'tot'en Territory, the answer is clear: There will not be any pipelines, or further imperialism, without consent.

This article was originally published at SocialCoast.ca, a central hub for local activists that was founded by Eric Nordal in 2011. For more info about the camp, visit Unistotencamp.com or WildCoast.ca. Thanks to Aaron Lakoff (aaron.resist.ca) for the photos.



photo: Aaron Lakoff

Another Look at First Nations News

By Jennifer Hastie

During July, 2013, the provincial premiers met together and decided that it was time for Canada's huge numbers of missing and murdered Aboriginal women to be taken seriously by them and should be investigated nationally by the law. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has agreed that this is the right thing to do.

Wally Oppal headed the investigation into the Robert Pickton murders that occurred on the lower mainland. His comments, when the news broke was, "why do we need a national enquiry? We know what causes such tragedies from our investigations into the Robert Pickton murders."

Yes, Mr. Oppal, we know the root causes of why 1st Nations Women are targeted. However, I still believe that we need a national enquiry. Prejudice is different in different parts of the country, depending on the local area's history of colonialism and the numbers of minority groups within the area. Local economic conditions are different. Rural and Urban Native women are faced with very different conditions.

As I point out in my article, *The Missing Women* from June 2008, concerning the "Trail of Tears" (Highway 16), women from rural reserves feeding into this highway are often living under very isolated conditions. Faced with poverty and sparse public transportation along the highway, they are still trying to eat and feed themselves and their families. Perhaps they want to meet up with friends for laughter, fun, and emotional support. With no car, and often with no partner to help out, they are forced to hitchhike into a larger area such as Terrace, Vanderhoof, or Prince George. Therefore, the women become sitting ducks for predators. Trusting others also differs widely depending on whether or not you are from an isolated reserve, a town or a city. Rural conditions, therefore, remain very different from the downtown East Side in Vancouver, even though the root causes of the problems are the same.

Further disgusting information has surfaced in July regarding Indian Residential Schools withholding important nutrition from the students. Milk has been sited because of the authorities' wish to compare the effect of withholding milk from Native children with the general childhood population. The problem is much bigger than merely milk, for we know that not all cultures give their children milk once they have been weaned. In China, for example, I understand that similar nutrients are gained from soup stocks boiled from chicken or meat bones. Here on the west coast, where the traditional diet was based on seafood and native plants, the children were quite healthy in spite of not drinking any cows' or goats' milk. What is more serious, in my opinion, is that the children were denied their traditional diet and they were never given enough food to satisfy their growth demands. A friend of mine from the Ohiapt reserve told me that they were constantly hungry at the Alberni Indian Residential School. Luckily for him, he was on sports teams and had Al Greenhalgh, a respected teacher, as a coach. Al continually stole food for them from the school kitchens so that they would be less hungry.

A further problem, secondary to the nutrition problem and serious, was that the children were made to grow and cook their own food. Consequently, the school day was cut in half for some children in order to give them time to prepare meals. What sort of an academic education were they getting?

Finally, I see that the knives are out for Shawn Atleo, Canada's inspiring national leader of the Assembly of First Nations. I remind you that Shawn is from Ahousaht on the West Coast. He is from a strong family of educated leaders. He, himself, has a Masters' university degree. As could be predicted, not all tribes across Canada think that he is handling the complex position as national chief satisfactorily. Shawn believes in moving forward, leaving the past behind and using negotiations to get along with the Feds. There's an old saying: "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." I am very appreciative of his moderate approach, but many tribal leaders and even individuals within the Assembly of First Nations think otherwise. Such people appear to be inflexible and would rather have confrontation or anarchy rather than negotiations with government to produce a settlement that we all can live with.

Conflict and differences occur within our own parliaments, both provincial and federal. Why do we accept this fact within the non-native world but expect First Nations' peoples to be all the same? Do we secretly want them to fail?

Jen Hastie grew up beside the Tseshah Reserve in Port Alberni. During her career as a social worker she was employed by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in the Usma program. Today she keeps in touch with many friends from the Port Alberni area. Photo by Janine Bandcroft, from First Nations Pow Wow at UVic, Spring 2013.



Keeping an Eye on BC's Northern Wilderness

by Don Startin

Readers may be interested to enter the words "pollution of rivers by selenium released from open pit coal mines" into their favourite Internet search engine. In very minute quantities most living things need a small amount in their diet, but large amounts produce severe abnormalities in the fry of fish exposed to it. All coal mine related developments in the Elk Valley area have been put on hold until this issue is addressed.

For BC to allow the Arctos Anthracite Project to even submit a proposal to the Environmental Assessment Office smacks of lunacy. This project proposes a vast open pit coal mine right in the heart of The Sacred Headwaters where the Nass, Stikine, and Skeena Rivers rise. I am in touch with The Klabona Keepers, a Tahltan group that watches out for the Sacred Headwaters area. They are adamantly opposed to this proposal.

As indicated in the press release on the Red Chris Mine the internal politics of the Tahltan First Nation are complicating things. Out of respect, we mere 'settlers' should refrain from comment until the Tahltan People give us clear guidance on what to say.

On 22 July 13, Zoe Blunt of The Forest Action Network debriefed about thirty interested Victorians on the action camp to help the Unis'tot'en Clan of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation stop development of the twin natural gas and bitumen pipelines slated to run east to west across the province south of the Yellowhead Highway to Kitimat. The Forest Action folks are fundraising to keep the Unis'tot'en blockade supplied, and preparing for rapid response if the pipeline companies move in on the camp. Supplies, donations, and volunteers are needed. For information, contact Zoe at 250-813-3569 or zoe@wildcoast.ca

No change on the Site C Dam, but sources close to the Environmental Assessment Office indicate the names of the panelists for the final hearing will be released very soon.

Don Startin is an activist and gardener, an ex-military man who currently lives a life of simplicity with his wife in Victoria, B.C.

8th Annual Victoria Anarchist Bookfair

September 14th & 15th:

Defend the Land, Share Responsibility, Create (A) Future

The Bookfair is for anarchists and non-anarchists, with participants from all over North America and beyond. Events include book and information tables, workshops, readings, films, presentations, and much more!

The Bookfair always includes workshops on a wide range of topics. We seek to introduce anarchism to the public, foster dialogue between various political traditions, and create radical, inclusive, and anti-oppressive spaces. Participants with different visions, practices, and traditions are welcome.

Our theme this year is Eco-Defense. We aim to highlight various environmental threats and the resistance movements that have formed against them. From logging of old growth to oil development to mining, we will analyse resource-extraction from an anti-capitalist and anti-colonial perspective. We will explore how the Indigenous and settler populations can share responsibility for the challenges at hand. We aim to move beyond critique and explore creative alternatives to a healthier future.

2013 Workshop Schedule: (subject to change - please visit the website for descriptions and other details: www.victoriaanarchistbookfair.ca)

September 13th:

Indigenous Poetry Night with hosts Jen Wickham and Janet Rogers

Saturday September 14:

-Julian "A Chaotic Introduction to the Wild Thought of Anarchy"

-Jeff Shantz (PHD) "Green Syndicalism"

-BC Blackout "From Eco Revolt to Social Revolution"

-Michael Rattray "The Global Art World and Anarchist Philosophy"

-ISKRA "Report Back: Social Spaces and Squats in Eastern Europe"

-Sarah Talbot and Yantra Bertelli (authors of My Baby Rides The Short Bus) "Riding the Short Bus: Ability, Disability, and our Collective Need to Raise All our Children Together"

-Kym Hines "Taking the Fall and Rising" film screening

-Philippa "Anarchist Child Raising"

Sunday September 15

-Gord Hill (Kwakwaka'wakw nation) "Idle No More/Never Idle"

-Arden Duncan "The Invisibility of Intellectual Disability"

-Sacheen and Crow - Ancestral Pride (workshop title yet to be confirmed)

-Kelly Pflug-Back (former G20 prisoner, editor of *The Fifth Estate*) "Women in Prison"

-Cha'win'is (Cheklesaht / Tla-o-qui-aht) and Anthony Fernandez "Cheklesaht Perspectives on Defense of Land and Life"

Jen Wickham (Wet'su'wet'en), Kim Croswell, Mel Bazil (Gitxan/Wet'su'weten), Ashanti Alston (Former Black Panther, anarchist Christian) "Anarchist Spirituality" panel discussion

-Solidarity Against Patriarchy "Questions and Challenges for Men Who Call Themselves Anarchists"

-Brett Vidler "Making Tools to Make Tools"

The Elderly Entrepreneur

by Craig Hill

Lynn Coombes sells flowers wherever she can in downtown Chilliwack. If it was 1930, they'd be apples. But it's 2013 and they're flowers.

Every day Lynn Coombes goes out on the street with her flowers. She's an entrepreneur. You don't have to make much to be called an entrepreneur. Even a little counts.

She lives in a small room above some businesses on a \$158 pension cheque she gets each month so she sells flowers streetside to help make ends meet. Not many can say they exist on such a pittance.

According to Coombes, she has to sell her slightly wilted flowers. She sources them in nooks and crannies around town and from friends who want to help.

"If I don't sell flowers, I go hungry," she told *The Voice* Tuesday. "So I usually do, it's a very rare exception that no one buys but I almost always sell flowers."

In her younger days, Coombes says it was a dream of hers to work for a newspaper.

"I could type 96-words-per-minute."

But its not easy selling things to scratch out dinner. Coombes faces adversity from irate store owners. Places like 7-11, Subway and even big stores like Pricesmart don't want her around.

"I've been banned from almost every place," says Coombes who insists she doesn't hurt anyone. "There's nothing wrong with what I do and yet people don't like me selling flowers."

She says that three years ago, an overzealous security guard at Pricesmart said she stole a flower and told her they had her on video doing the nefarious deed.

"I said show me, prove it to me. I know I didn't, I got these flowers from up by Safeway," she explained.

But her pleas fell on deaf ears and they banned her for three years which was indicated on mall letterhead to her.

"They said they have a right to deny anybody who's an undesirable, and I'm actually an educated woman," says Coombes adding "I'm not a drug addict or an alcoholic. I'm a normal person and that's not right."

She says she's actually well-liked and is non-aggressive and in her own way beautifies the city. "I know I'm honest. I know I don't steal and I've done no wrong to anyone or any of these properties."

Recently, she asked Pricesmart if she could return and sell flowers but they preferred she didn't.

"Okay, I'm going across the street and if you'd like some flowers then I'll be over there," she told them.

She says that even if she did steal a flower she's paid the price.

"Don't you think three years is long enough not to sell them?" asks the fiesty 64-year-old.

Coombes says that shortly she'll be getting her teeth fixed. "Soon I'll be getting my top teeth and I'll feel a lot better about myself. I'll look so much prettier," she said.

Just like her flowers.



Craig Hill has been producing *The Valley Voice News* in the Upper Fraser Valley since 2009 after producing *Spare Change* (Street Newspaper) in Vancouver for 2 years. He's also a fan and friend of the Victoria Street Newz, and distributes a small bundle throughout Chilliwack each month. This article was originally published in *The Valley Voice* (www.thevalleyvoice.ca) and is reprinted by permission.

Marty's Funeral

by Salman Ansari Javid

Having recently moved to downtown Victoria this summer, I went for a walk on a sunny Sunday afternoon around Yates street and met a Scandinavian gentleman, Marty, with whom I shared my experiences in Stockholm, Sweden. Soon we decided to continue discussing our memories in my apartment.

After a short walk I realized that Marty was having difficulty walking, and soon after arriving in my apartment he started complaining about stomach pain and told me that he had been recently released from the hospital, where he was admitted for stab wound to the abdomen. His condition started to deteriorate and I decided to call an ambulance.

The ambulance came surprisingly in a short time and I accompanied Marty to the Royal Jubilee Hospital where he was taken to the Intensive Care Unit. After a while I enquired about Marty's condition from the nurse and she informed me that the hospital's policy is to disclose information only to a family member. I reminded the nurse that I had originally called 911 and had accompanied Marty in the ambulance to the hospital.

I tried to talk to the nurse a few more times and was given the same answer. Eventually the nurse called the hospital security team who ended up calling the police and I found myself in the suffocating backseat of the police car in handcuffs on that hot Sunday afternoon.

I was released after four hours and approached the officer on duty to file a complaint against my unjust incarceration. The officer told me that I should be directing my complaint against the hospital's security as they were the ones that called the police. I walked back home in bewilderment.

I didn't think much about the matter until some four weeks later (June 5th) two police officers, Sgt. Greg Mainman from RCMP and Det/Cst Ryan O'Neil from Victoria Police, knocked on my door.

The officers informed me that Marty had passed away and asked if they could have a word with me. In the short time I spent with the officers they said that Marty was a homeless person and he had been released from the hospital soon after his stabbing, and then readmitted back when he succumbed to his injuries.

The two police officers told me that I was not being implicated, but wanted to know what conversation we had during the time he was in my apartment. I informed them that in the short time I spent with Marty we never got a chance to discuss his stabbing incident.

The first question that came to my mind is why would the hospital discharge a homeless person with severe stab wounds back on the streets?



Sgt. Mainman and Det. O'Neil were not available on the telephone and did not return my e-mail for comments. However, Corporal John Place returned my call on July 9, saying he was now the lead investigator on the case. He informed me that at this point he can't give out too many details, but the investigation is on-going and no one has been charged yet. "When the trial starts then more information will be revealed," said Corporal Place.

Accountability

I have seen lack of accountability first hand. I arrived in Victoria last August after a one year visit to my family back in Tehran, Iran. Having no family and friends here and lack of finances I soon found myself at the Rock Bay Landing shelter.

Having originally moved from Ontario, I had to reapply again for PWD (Person With Disabilities) status here in BC. I knew this was a rocky road without stable housing. During this time I also registered with the *Victoria Brain Injury Society* (VBIS), in hope of finding help to settle down, and was assigned a case manager.

After repeated homelessness and abuse I finally decided to file a complaint against my case manager at the VBIS for his failure to recognize my needs and provide help. Soon I realized that I made my situation worse by filing that complaint and eventually VBIS totally stopped providing me with services.

Passing the buck

I approached BC Ombudsperson, an organization I hoped to file a complaint with. But they informed me that if VBIS is registered as a society I should contact the Ministry of Finance, the ministry that administers societies.

After contacting the BC Corporate Registry at the Ministry of Finance they told me that they cannot get involved in the complaint. After several frustrating trials I had eventually reached a dead-end. My experience at VBIS is just one of the many encounters I had which left me wondering where to go for help, seeking accountability.

I came to Canada as a refugee in hope of finding a system that is transparent, has accountability and just and responsible leadership. However, since my motor vehicle accident, which happened in the last year of my Computer Science and Economics program at York University in 1994, I have discovered a new Canada. A Canada I cannot be proud of as I used to be.

Having joined the ranks of my marginalized homeless brothers and sisters I have come across a system that is not accountable, an uninformed public opinion, a biased corporate/state media not interested in covering the truth.

Newcomers

New immigrants coming to Canada are screened for their skills, education and language capabilities before they are given the green light after years of waiting. Yet upon arriving a lot of them soon find out that their education and skills does not necessarily transform into a suitable job.

Stories of educated and trained engineer finding a job as a janitor or security officer or cab driver are ample. Their dreams shattered, the newcomers soon join the marginalized in the society with a hope for a better future for their children in Canada.

According to a study conducted by the *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives* released in June, one-third of immigrant children and almost one-quarter of visible minority kids live below the low income line, reports Canadian Press.

Of course the new Canadian immigrant kids should feel lucky. According to this new analysis of the 2006 census data half of Canada's First Nation children are living in poverty.

Returning full circle back to Marty, last year some 43 homeless people died in Victoria. Last winter, I was at their memorial ceremony held at the Whaling Wall.

What happens with the burial arrangement of the homeless? What happened to Marty's body? Did a family member come forward to claim it?

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Gathering on the Green 2013

by kym hothead hines

In 2010 the Committee to End Homelessness Victoria (CTEHV) and our Transform Homelessness Advocacy Watch film project reached out and welcomed Victorians to a Gathering On The Green and we put up a speakers corner booth. Community met, fed each other and helped create not only the beginning of the *Taking The Fall and Rising* filming; we also managed a short film on VIMEO available for anyone to download and share.

Speakers Corner Short:
vimeo.com/user18389550/speakers-corner-short

Now that you have seen what *thawVictoria* and CTEHV are made of: come on out and share or see what you can glean at our Second Gathering On The Green on September 7th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

You are invited to bring a table and show your work in our community. We will have no speakers, only home style grassroots networking. Sharing food and music gives us a chance to hang out and get to know each other.

You can get into our Speakers Corner Booth and possibly be in our next Speakers Corner Short!

We will be throwing different questions to you this time and they are based upon what *Taking The Fall and Rising* film process gleaned over the last three years from community in regards to health, addiction and homelessness.

Personally and politically speaking, I have been dealing with unnecessary pain and suffering all my life, and I found many others have as well. I believe we all use some form of pain relief in our lives, be it pills, liquid or powder. Whether it be as prescribed by a doctor, shared or sold to you by a caring friend, or sadly at a high price and risk from the streets, drugs are pretty much used by all to help deal with a mostly unhealthy job system. Pretty much.

Many even use food, animals and entertainment to distract from unnecessary pain and suffering. The more money you have access to, the more easy your "distractions of choice" are made available to you. That speaks to the deaths and overdoses in the entertainment field, poor communities' mortality rates, high stress job health risks as well as early death rates.

Who deserves housing? That question is problematic and so full of punitive judgement it should never be asked. Sadly many ask and many more often think it.

The middle class are more often put at risk on the job with their health and welfare due to sick buildings and horrible work practices in which more middle class workers are being asked to practice. Practices like firing folks for no good reason. Economics and greed rather than nature and need now run our lives and the top down system rules with an iron fist and a growing police state. We best hear the beckoning call "Wake Up Slaves!" that many are screaming. Environmentalists, First Nations activists, anti poverty and grassroots movements dealing with the displacement of "people for profit" while feminist movements continue with the struggle to educate the masses regarding true equity.

Someone asked me "What is it like for new folks moving to Victoria?" It's mixed. At first it's like "so beautiful, wow, nice." Then it's like "Woah: stigma and prejudice based on how you look is big here!" The police, well, "there are so many police and if you go to beach and try to have like one beer with friends or wine, they take your booze and either dump it in front of you or take it with them to drink later I guess?"

A friend shared with me that their stag party ended up on one of our many great inner city beaches one night. This was a bunch of pretty cool local regular non-violent bunch of friends who went to this particular favourite spot cause it's where they can see the police coming, and of course they came.

Two VICPD officers approached and let the fellows know they were confiscating the beer. One officer took beer from at least one fellow close to him and dumped it right there on the beach. The officers tried to intimidate and inferred they could go thru packs, this bunch of guys knew they could not and asserted that right as Canadian citizens.

As the jack up proceeded, one of the fellows took the 24 case of beer they had and opened all the tops off and dumped them all in one sweet move. The more aggressive officer said "What are you doing? That's a waste of money!" Wait a minute, didn't you just tell the citizen you were confiscating their beer and did you not just empty beer in front of these guys? Well, that's a loss of money for them already, why is it a waste of money to empty it out like the officer just did? I think it's obvious, an abuse of power and sick! Well, this particular officer did not like that the beer was dumped and he gave them a polluting ticket. He forgot and did not give himself a polluting ticket.

After the two officers realized this group of men knew their rights and were not allowing them to go thru bags etc, and the beach had a lot of citizens and these guys talked loud enough to get other citizens heads up as to the police "jack up" going on, the officers finally left.

Welcome to Victoria!

If folks are quiet and not causing a problem, why are police approaching and questioning citizens? In ending: What did you eat today? Did you wake up with a meal and bathroom handy or, did you have to walk a mile or so to get to your meal? Are you able to cook your own food? Where did you wake up today? Did a friendly police officer wake you up at your tent site or did you sleep in a few minutes and get a Bylaw officer smash your face in for trying to protect your friend's tent gear? Did a VICPD officer ever wake you and your daughter up at 0600 with his boot?

Some folks like me, when we are in a lot of pain, cannot eat till dinner. Often we have to go to Our Place for that meal and often some cannot eat there due to food restrictions. I have learned over the years that we need more nutrition and we all know that Our Place mostly has not gotten the food it needs in order to really help folks.

You have to be moving all the time unless you find a hiding spot and cops are busy elsewhere. Not only can you not drink in public anyone like me, (it happened to me at Ska Fest) can have an officer walk up to me and say "Is that coconut water in that can?" reaching out to me as if he wanted to check it out. I held it up and kept walking kind of LOL cause I thought it was so funny. My friend with me also gave a great belly laugh and we went right back into the Ska Fest site and enjoyed the beautiful free music event they put on! Great folks work hard and what does the VICPD do? Jack them up? B.S.

All these stories are true.

*kym hothead hines is a humble visitor in Lkungen WSANEC territories. If you'd like to support him and his advocacy work, which includes filmmaking, or if you'd like a copy of the film he produced, *Taking the Fall and Rising*, they're available for \$5-\$50 - contact Kym or Alison Acker at alisonacker@shaw.ca. Also visit www.youtube.com/user/thawVictoria and ctehv.wordpress.com.*

Food Not Bombs thrives even as it faces repression

by Keith McHenry

The San Francisco Police Department made history on August 15, 1988 when they made the first arrests ever for sharing food with the hungry. Nine volunteers arrived at the entrance to Golden Gate Park with organic vegan food prepared to share with the several hundred souls that were making the dense wooded park their home. A reporter with the *San Francisco Chronicle* learned of the department's plan to deploy 45 members of the Tactical Squad to Haight and Stanyan to arrest the cooks and shortly after noon the nine *Food Not Bombs* volunteers were captured, cuffed and driven off to jail. The activists sang "we will not be moved" as the police vans removed them from the scene.

After spending most of the night in a holding cell at police headquarters they were released to discover that the *Chronicle* had published a huge photo of riot police guarding the food from the hungry with a headline proclaiming "*Nine Volunteers Arrested For Feeding the Homeless at Golden Gate Park*." The *Food Not Bombs* answering service on Polk Street was swamped with calls from people wanting to help. Offers of food, legal support, help with cooking and even commitments to risk arrest if necessary flooded in. The August 15, 1988 arrests marked a change in American societies view of the homeless and sparked a global movement. The San Francisco Police made over 1,000 arrests for the "crime" of "making a political statement" by sharing food with the hungry in public. Remove the *Food Not Bombs* banner and literature and provide your meals inside the National Guard Armory on the edge of the city or be arrested on felony conspiracy charges.

Twenty five years after the first arrest the act of showing compassion and effort to encourage the redirection of resources from war to providing for our community is as threatening to the authorities as it was in the summer of 1988. In response to the impact of Occupy Wall Street and other occupations over 50 cities in the United States have banned or passed laws restricting the sharing of food in public. Authorities are currently threatening to stop *Food Not Bombs* meals in Seattle, Portland, Boulder and Detroit. Yes Detroit, just as the city is filing for bankruptcy and has unimaginable need to feed its hungry the authorities are threatening to arrest Detroit *Food Not Bombs*.

Hunger and poverty are on the increase yet so is the desire to respond to the crisis. New *Food Not Bombs* groups form

every week. Volunteers from Umuahia, Nigeria and New Paltz, New York asked to have their chapters included on [www.foodnotbombs.net](http://foodnotbombs.net) today. Activists reported that there are over 100 groups in Indonesia and 30 chapters in the Philippines with the Davao City chapter posting photos of their 13th July 5th anniversary celebration on our Facebook last week. A new chapter started in the southern zone of Mexico City and groups in New Zealand announced their next *Really Really Free Market*.

The impact of the August 15, 1988 arrests continues to this day having inspired people to start the first wave of *Food Not Bombs* groups that in turn inspired others to start a chapter in their own communities so that there are volunteers recovering food, cooking vegan meals that they share with the public in over 1,000 cities around the world.

You can join this inspiring movement. The most important thing you can do is start or join an already active *Food Not Bombs* group in your community. To learn more you can visit [www.foodnotbombs.net](http://foodnotbombs.net) or call us at 575-770-3377. You may want to get a copy of our book *Hungry For Peace* to learn more about *Food Not Bombs*. You could also participate with the *Food Not Bombs* Free Skool in Taos, New Mexico to gain more experience.

Another great way to make a difference is to invite *Food Not Bombs* co-founder Keith McHenry to speak at your school, cafe, book store or other community space. This is a great way to inspire your friends, family and classmates to join you in taking action. Or, invite the *Autonomous Play House* to perform their puppet show in your community. Their shows are sure to inspire participation in your community organizing efforts.

Finally you can help by contributing to the completion of the *Food Not Bombs* Free Skool Solar Pump House and support another season of gardening, education and organizing at the school in Taos, New Mexico. Check out the cool video about the construction of the solar pump house. The pump will be powered by a donated solar cell and our showers will be heated by the sun as will the entire building. We intend to complete our fundraising drive by the 25th anniversary of the first arrest of *Food Not Bombs* on August 15, 2013. Please share this story and ask your family, friends and classmates to support *Food Not Bombs*.

Keith McHenry is co-founder of the *Food Not Bombs* Movement. For more info visit [www.foodnotbombs.net](http://foodnotbombs.net).



Some Food Resources

9-10 CLUB standrewscathedral.com 250-884-4459
740 View St. V8W 1J8, Family friendly breakfast Mon-Fri, 8-10 am.

ANAWIM COMPANION SOCIETY www.anawimhouse.com 250-382-0283
973 Caledonia Street V8T 1E7, 19+, laundry, showers, meals, clothing, limited housing spaces. Signup at 11 am for lunch M-F; 2 pm for dinner Weds & Fris.

BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE www.burnsidegorge.ca 250.388.5251
471 Cecelia Rd. V8T 4T4, Family Friendly dinner Thurs 5 pm. Free or by donation.

BEACON BUS
Blanshard Community Centre, 910 Kings Rd. Family friendly dinner most Fris @ 5 pm

BLANSHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE www.blanshardcc.com 250-388-7696
901 Kings Rd. V8T 1W5, Family friendly Thursday lunch at noon (\$3 adult, \$1 child)

CARTS www.cartsvictoria.ca Starts @ Queens Manor, to Centennial Square, ends at Salvation Army. Sundays 4:30-6:30, snacks & hot choc.

FIRST MET CHURCH firstmetvictoria.com 250-388.5188
932 Balmoral, V8T 1A8, Friday before cheque issue dinner @ 5:00 (not in July, Aug, Dec)

FOOD NOT BOMBS A collectively run food kitchen 250-383-5144, ext 1940
Harris Green (Pandora & Vancouver) Family friendly vegetarian Sundays, 3:30ish

JAMES BAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CENTRE jamesbaycentre.ca 250-389-1470
140 Oswego St, V8V 2B1 Seniors dinners Tues & Thurs @ 5 pm, Family Friendly Community Dinners Weds, approx. every other month. Purchase Tics in advance.

LIVING EDGE DINNER SERVICE - CDI Gym, Kings Rd, Quadra Village @ 4:30 Sundays

MUSTARD SEED STREET CHURCH www.mustardseed.ca 250-953-1575
625 Queens Ave V8T 1L9 Lunch Sat 12 pm; Dinner Fri & Sat @ 7 pm, Family friendly dinner 2nd Sunday, registration required call 250-953-1575.

OUR PLACE ourplacesociety.com 250-388-7112 919 Pandora Ave V8V 3P4. 19+ drop in centre w/computer room, special projects. Open Mon to Fri 7 AM - 5 PM. Breakfast 7-8 AM; Lunch 11:30-12:30; Dinner 4-5 PM. Sun Lunch 11:30-12:30.

PEERS www.peers.bc.ca 250-388-5325 1-744 Fairview Rd, Esquimalt Past/present sex workers only. Lunch 12-1 pm Tues-Fri

RAINBOW KITCHEN www.rainbowkitchen.ca 250-384-2069
500 Admirals Rd. Esquimalt, V9A 2N4. Lunch M-F @12 pm. Families welcome

ROCK BAY LANDING www.coolaid.org 250-383-1951 535 Ellice St.
50 meals for non-residents Mon & Sat, Tics @ 3:30, Dinner @ 4:00 pm

SALVATION ARMY www.salvationarmycfs.com/index.php/general/34-saarc
525 Johnson St. V8W 1M2 250-384-3396 Family friendly lunch M, W, F, Sun @ 12-12:45. Coffee/snacks Tues 10-11:30, Thurs 1-2:30

SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE www.saanichneighbourhoodplace.com 250-360-1148
3100 Tillicum Rd. V9A 6T2 Family friendly dinner most Weds @ 5 pm. Register, \$5.

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH 3939 St. Peter Road. 11 am lunch third Saturday each mth.

SANCTUARY YOUTH CENTRE www.sanctuaryyouth.org 250-385-625-5767
Humboldt V8W 3G6 Dinner closed for summer

SANDY MERRIMAN HOUSE www.coolaid.org 250-480-1408
809 Burdett Ave, V8W1B3, Women only lunch Mon-Sun 11:30 am until food runs out

TAILGATE GRILL
Wharf St. Whale Wall, Family friendly burgers 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 3 pm

ALLIANCE CLUB (Victoria Youth Empowerment Society - www.yes.ca) 250-383-3514
533 Yates St. Youth (13-19) only, M-F lunch @ noon (thru August); M-Th, Dinner 5 pm

Family Friendly Breakfast Club

First Saturday: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk Hall, 680 Courtney St, 8:00-9:00 am

Second Saturday: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk Hall, 680 Courtney St, 8:15-9:15 am

Third Saturday: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church Hall, 1800 Quadra St. 8:30-9:30 am

Fourth Saturday: Central Baptist Church, 833 Pandora, 8:30-9:30 am

Fifth Saturday: BC Ferry Workers' Union at St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, 8:15-9:15 am

Sidney Soup Social Community Lunch

Family friendly, 11:30-1:00 pm; free or by donation, everyone welcome

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth's Church - 10030 Third St. (closed until September 10th)

Wednesday: St. Andrew's Church - 9691 Fourth St.

Thursday: St. Elizabeth's Church - 10030 Third St. (closed until September 10th)

Saturday: Peace Lutheran - 2295 Weiler Ave.

Salt Spring Community Brunch

268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Brunch Tuesdays 9:30-noon, everyone welcome

Meals in Sooke

Mon & Wed: Breakfast 7:30-9 am,
Sooke Baptist Church - 7110 West Coast Rd.

Fridays: Lunch 11:30-1 pm,
Holy Trinity Anglican Church - 1952 Murray Rd.

Mon, Tues, Thurs: Low-cost lunch for seniors 11 am
Sooke Seniors (55+) Drop-in Centre 6689 Sooke Rd.

Housing Resources

No Cost for Service, Time Limited Stay

Salvation Army (Emerg men only) 525 Johnson Street, 250-384-3396
Rock Bay Landing (formerly Street Link) 535 Ellice St. Phone: 250-383-1951
Sandy Merriman House (for women) 809 Burdett Avenue, 250-480-1408
Sobering & Assessment Ctr (24 hr) 1125 Pembroke (@ Cook) 250-213-4444
Out of the Rain (Youth 15-25) 250-812-0490 winter only, various locations
Kiwanis Youth Shelter (13-18) 2117 Vancouver St., 250-386-8282
Hill House - Women with children 250-479-3963
Sooke Transition House 250-642-2591 Women with or without children
Vic. Women's Transition House 250-385-6611 Women with or w/out kids
Cridge Centre for the Family 1190 Kings Rd 250-384-8058 Women & kids
Kiwanis House for single women 16-29 w/ one child 250-382-1004
Margaret Laurence House 250-995-0058 Women & kids escaping abuse

A full listing of shelter spaces is available at victoriahomelessness.ca

Low Cost Monthly Rentals

Ritz Hotel - 710 Fort Street, 250-381-1868
Fairfield Hotel - 710 Cormorant St., 250-386-1621
York Hotel - 711 Johnson Street, 250-385-2544
Douglas Hotel - 1450 Douglas Street, 250-383-4157
Ocean Island Backpackers - 791 Pandora Avenue 250-385-1788
Turtle Refuge Backpackers - 1608 Quadra Street 250-386-4471
Vic. Human Exchange Soc. 361-2762, 1-800-691-9366, www.humanx.org
Extreme Outreach - men only, \$350 + dep. No alcohol or drugs. 250-708-2064

Subsidized and/or Supported Housing Services

BC Housing (subsidized - low income families, 55+, or w/disabilities)
301-3440 Douglas Street, 250-475-7550 www.bchousing.org
Burnside Gorge Community Assoc. 250-388-5251 members.shaw.ca/bgca
Capital Region Housing (subsidized, low income families, 55+, disabilities)
623 Fisgard, 250-388-6422 www.crd.bc.ca/housing
Capital Mental Health Association Satellite Housing Program 250-389-1211
Coordinated Housing Registry (subsidized & supported housing)
www.coolaid.org 826 Cormorant St. 250-356-2548
M'Akola Housing Society 250-384-1423
Pacifica Housing Advisory Assoc. (families) 827 Fisgard 250-385-2131
Pacifica Housing Serv/Downtown Outreach Serv (connects low-income folk w/ housing in private sector) 826 Cormorant 250-356-2555
Pandora Youth Apts 753 Pandora, For 15-19 yrs, Andrea - 250-380-2663
St. Vincent de Paul Soc. 250-382-2767
Victoria Senior Citizen Housing Society - Register w/BC Housing Mgmt Commission:
301-3440 Douglas 250.475.7550

Helpful Housing Hints

1. Add your name to the BC Housing list and the Coordinated Housing Registry.
2. Get the addresses & phone numbers of subsidized or supported housing units from the Cool Aid Society, the BGCA, M'Akola, etc. If you find one you like, make friends, impress them, ask them to pull your name off the list. They can let you in, but you have to be listed with BC Housing first.

*For more housing information visit victoriahomelessness.ca
Extreme Weather Shelter status updates at www.vewp.net*

Some places to call for help

Action Committee of People with Disabilities - 948 View St., 250-383-4105
Adult Addiction Comm. Treatment Serv: 2nd floor, 1250 Quadra, 250-727-3544
AIDS Van Island: 713 Johnson St, 3rd Flr, 250-384-2366 ext 2268; AVI Nx 250-896-2849
BC Utilities Commission (if gas or electricity's shut off where kids live) - 1-800-663-1385
Coalition Against Poverty - vcapvictoria.wordpress.com
Committee to End Homelessness - committeetohomelessnessvictoria.wordpress.com,
250 480 4854 or alisonacker@shaw.ca
Cool-Aid Medical Clinic: 250-385-1466 Cool-Aid Phone Service (\$5/mth plus HST): 250-383-1977
Credit Counselling - 250-477-9998 HomelessNation.org - online community
Foundation of Support-Recovery for Men: foundationhousevictoria.blogspot.ca, 250-480-1342
Grief/Bereavement Counsel: Lorraine Jasmin, R.P.C., 1198 Goldstream, sliding scale
Lalli Care Clinic - Drug Info, Med. Review, Alt Health - 250-386-5100, lallicareclinic.ca
Lifering Secular Recovery - (250) 382-1004, www.liferingcanada.org or www.lifering.org (usa)
Men's Trauma Centre: 250-381-6367, #203-1420 Quadra St. www.menstrama.ca
Outreach Services Methadone Clinic: 2004 Fernwood Rd., 250-480-1232
Prostitute Empowerment & Education (PEERS): 744 Fairview Rd., 250-388-5325
Problem Gambling Help Line - 1-888-795-6111
Research, Education, Evaluation, & Support Prog. (REES): 250-595-8619
Salvation Army Addictions & Rehab Centre: 525 Johnson, 250-384-3396
Seniors' Advocacy Group - 388-7696 for advice; 250-360-1068 to be an advocate
Society of Living Intravenous Drugusers (SOLID): 7-9 pm Weds, 1947 Cook
Harm Reduction - harmreductionvictoria.ca, harmlessvictoria.blogspot.com (students)
Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS): #302-895 Fort St. 361-3521
Victoria Native Friendship Centre: 384-3211 -- 231 Regina Ave V8Z 1J6
Victoria Sobering & Assessment Centre: 1125 Pembroke, 250-213-4444
Vancouver Island Addiction Recovery Soc.: 536 Cecelia, 250-480-1342
Youth-to-Youth Support Line - 24 hours. 250-386-TALK, www.youthlines.ca
Vancouver Island Crisis Line: 1-888-494-3888 (all ages); www.youthspace.ca

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The amazing and awesome Street Newz Vendor Team



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Beacon Hill



Bernie
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London Drugs



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	June	July	Aug
Street Newz Revenue			
Paper Sales (from previous mth)	258.50	260.00	277.50
Donations	120.00	235.00	70.00
Subscriptions	80.00	165.00	60.00
Gifts (incl in-kind)	75.00	40.00	40.00
Co-ordinator's Contribution	89.48	65.49	97.93
Bread & Roses Donation to SNZ	800.00	800.00	800.00
Total Street Newz Revenue	1422.98	1585.49	1345.43
Street Newz Expenses			
Salaries	800.00	800.00	800.00
Paper & Printing Costs	238.25	236.25	236.25
Postage	61.73	48.99	65.43
Office expenses/website	65.00	65.00	65.00
Vendor/Writer Meetings/Support	45.00	55.25	68.75
Ttl Street Newz Expenses	1207.98	1205.49	1235.43
Street Newz	215.00	380.00	110.00
Bread & Roses Revenue			
Grant \$ from Vancity (THANKS!)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bread & Roses Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bread & Roses Expenses			
Street Newz Donation	800.00	800.00	800.00
Ttl Bread & Roses Expenses	800.00	800.00	800.00
Bread & Roses	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Consolidated Ttl (SNZ + B&R)	-585.00	-420.00	-690.00
Bread & Roses Bank Balance	9466.00	9734.89	8654.89

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